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1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK'S COMMENT IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL. THE CUBANS MAINTAIN AN EMBASSY HERE WHICH IS A BIT LARGER THAN ONE MIGHT EXPECT GIVEN THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO HAVE THE MEDICAL TEAM IN SAM NEUA AND THERE MAY BE A FEW OTHER AID TECHNICIANS OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER, BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF "300 TO 400 MILITARY ADVISERS."

2. PERHAPS, GIVEN THE CURRENT UBIQUITOUSNESS OF THE CUBAN MILITARY IN AFRICA, THE THAI WANT TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES BY POSTULATING A CUBAN THEAT OF THEIR OWN, BUT IT APPEARS THEY WILL HAVE TO CONTENT THEMSELVES WITH THE VIETNAMESE ARMY.

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